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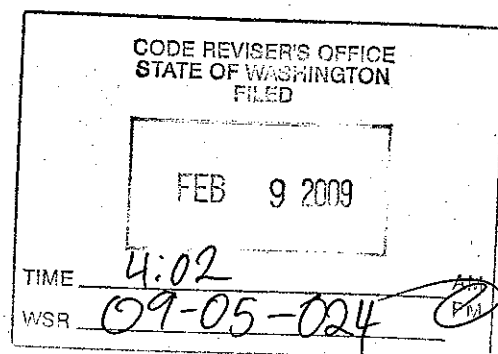
Subject: Employment Security Department's Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda
(January 31, 2009 - July 31, 2009)

The attached is the Employment Security Departments semi-annual rule-making agenda for publication in the Washington State Register, pursuant to RCW 34.05.314. There may be additional rule-making activity not on the agenda as conditions warrant.

Please call me at (360) 902-9387, or email at pames@esd.wa.gov if you have questions.

Attachment: Rule Making Agenda (Jan -July 2009)

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**Employment Security Department
Unemployment Insurance Division
Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda (January 31, 2009 – July 31, 2009)**

WAC CHAPTER	SUBJECT	AGENCY CONTACT	TIMING	SCOPE OF RULE CHANGES
Title 192 WAC – Benefit Rules	Apprentices	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 4/08 CR103 (Emerg) – 6/08 CR102 – 9/08 Hearing – 12/08 CR103 – 2/09	Implement 2008 legislation establishing good cause for claimants who quit work to enter approved apprenticeship program.
Title 192 WAC – Benefit Rules	General review of UI Benefit rules. Although originally included with the apprentice rules, time constraints required that further action be delayed until spring 2009,	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 4/8 CR102 – TBD CR103 – TBD	General review and revision of existing UI benefit rules to incorporate case law, changes in policy and procedures, and to reflect longstanding agency practice. Topics include job separations, job search requirements, reporting requirements, training, educational employees, powers of attorney, and definition of terms
Chapter 192-150	Voluntarily Leaving Work	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR101 – 7/08 CR103 (Emerg) – 7/08 CR102 – 11/08 2 nd CR103 (Emerg) – 11/08 Hearing – 4/09 CR103 – TBD	Implement the WA Supreme Court's decision in the case of <i>Spain and Batey v. ESD</i> . The court held that the list of good cause reasons in the voluntary quit statute is not exclusive and that the department may rule that good cause is established in other circumstances. The rule will specify the factors the department will consider in determining whether good cause exists.
New Section in Title 192 WAC	Combined Wage Claims	Juanita Myers (360) 902-9665	CR105 – 2/09 CR10 – 5/09	The U.S. Department of Labor has adopted new regulations governing combined wage claims. Model regulations proposed by DOL will be adopted by Washington.